

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1927 - HB 1441

March 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires students in grades K-8 participate in physical education classes (P.E) each instructional day. Elementary students must have at least 150 minutes of P.E. each week and middle school students must have at least 225 minutes. Prohibits exemptions from P.E. courses for participation in JROTC, marching band, athletic teams, and other activities. Requires local education agencies to file an annual report verifying that P.E. requirements have been met.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$65,150,000/Recurring*
\$1,303,000/One-Time***

Assumptions:

- No change in BEP funding formula. All increases in expenditures will be incurred by local education agencies.
- Currently, 90 minutes of physical activity is required. Depending upon the size of the school and the system, some schools do not have P.E. teachers or teachers rotate between schools or scheduling periods.
- For students to take physical education courses, additional teachers will be hired at an approximate cost of \$50,000 per teacher (\$33,000 in salary and \$17,000 in benefits).
- There are a combined total of 1,303 middle and elementary schools. Each school will hire one additional P.E. teacher.
- Total cost for teachers is \$65,105,000 (\$50,000 x 1,303 schools).
- Each school will need approximately \$1,000 in equipment or additional equipment. Total one-time costs for equipment are estimated to be \$1,303,000 (1,303 x \$1,000).

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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